



SOCIETY

OVER THE TEACUPS.
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That the present high cost of living would work for good in unexpected ways is being proven every day. This problem that has been thrust upon our pocketbooks comes home so vitally to every one of us that it becomes an absolute necessity to put our wits to work to see what we can do to solve it. We cannot treat it with indifference, we cannot complacently say it affects others but not us. We cannot conclude that it is only for a little while and we can stand it. It comes right into our everyday life. It makes for inconvenience, discomfort, positive unhappiness. And every day that it confronts us it is a serious menace to the well-being of the family. So that it is necessary to take hold of it and vanquish it.

All sorts of people are taking hold of it and trying to solve it, from economic writers even to the legislators of the land who are putting their mighty brains to the task and instituting searching investigations that so far, however, have yielded little practical result. But the wheels of all such machinery, even should it accomplish anything, turn slowly, and in the meanwhile we suffer. So here and there little groups of determined, practical women have taken up the problem and are getting immediate, good results.

One such group is the wives of millworkers in an industrial section of Philadelphia, Pa. The high cost of living pressed particularly hard here. The women who ran the homes saw that something must be done and done at once, or husbands and children would not have enough nourishing food to keep them in health.

So these women got together, talked the matter over and decided upon co-operative buying. Each subscribed twenty dollars to put the plan in operation. They rented a room, engaged a man to manage the business and then they bought at wholesale prices the foodstuffs they needed. Thus they cut out all profits on the cost of their meats and groceries and much of the usual expense in handling them. They had no waste stock, nothing for show, and they were sure of the quality of the goods they secured.

The cost to them of what they needed for the table was so phenomenally low compared to what they had been paying, that soon nearly all the women of the neighborhood were clamoring to share in such a good thing. In the few months it has been running, the "co-operative store," for that is what it is now called, has grown remarkably. It is really now doing a big business, but the housekeepers themselves gather in the profits of the business in the way of reduced cost of commodities.

And even if in time, prices drop, it is doubtful if this store will go out of existence. It has proven itself too valuable. And in addition to the good results financially, there are other benefits. For the work is broadening these women and showing them the value of getting together, and it will undoubtedly develop into co-operation in other things.

So, there are two faces to everything. And this high cost of living has good gifts for us, if we have the eye to see them. It may lead to movements for betterment in many directions. And the housekeeper who is worrying over the problem of making income and outgo match, which is discouraged or disheartened at the state of her pocketbook, should not wring her hands in despair. But let her face the problem hopefully as having some good for her concealed about it. Let her study it carefully from all sides, and see if she and the other women of her neighborhood cannot wrest a shining victory on the financial side of living from what now seems defeat.

SOCIAL NEWS OF THE DAY.

Saint Andrew's cathedral was the setting for one of the prettiest of the June weddings when Miss Grace H. Robertson became the bride of Mr. Robert R. McDowd on 9 o'clock this morning. Pale pink tulle separated the family pews from those occupied by the many friends of the young couple and the air was redolent with perfume from the great vases of roses that were arranged throughout the cathedral against a background of potted ferns.

The hat of the macrame trimmed with tiny pink roses entered the cathedral attended by the maid of honor, Miss Sybil Robertson, who wore a white linen suit and a hat of gray lace. Miss Robertson carried a shower bouquet of white orchids and lilies of the valley, while the maid of honor carried dainty pink roses. The bridegroom was supported by his brother, Mr. George McDowd. There was no reception at the church, but the bridal party proceeded to the Sonoma, where they were bedecked with leis, showered with congratulations and earnest wishes for a speedy return. Mrs. McDowd is the daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. George H. Robertson and a sister of Mrs. James Dougherty. Mr. McDowd came to Honolulu about two years ago from Burlingame, California.

Miss Edith Cowles was hostess last night for the Tuesday evening bridge club. The prizes were given to Miss McStocker and Mr. Kirby Smith. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Smith, Lieutenant and Mrs. Horner N. Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Shedy, Miss Julia McStocker, Miss Lydia McStocker, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hepburn, Lieutenant Sahm and Miss Edith Cowles.

Dr. Laura B. Hurd was the guest of honor at a delightfully informal tea yesterday afternoon at which Mrs. John Bowler was hostess. Mrs. Bowler chose yellow for the color scheme for the decorations and yellow coreopsis and lilacs were artistically arranged throughout the house and on the lawn. During the afternoon an excellent musical program was rendered by Mrs. Thacksbury, Mrs. Charles Hall and Mrs. Bowler. At 5 o'clock refreshments were served on the lawn. Among those present were Dr. Laura B. Hurd, Miss De Haven, Mrs. N. E. Zarby, Mrs. Thacksbury, Mrs. Charles Hall, Mrs. P. B. Edwards, Mrs. Rockwell, Mrs. J. M. McChesney, Mrs. E. S. Cunha, Miss Dault and Miss Louise McCarthy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Templeton Crocker left in the Mongolia yesterday morning for San Francisco where they will attend the wedding of Mr. Crocker's sister, Miss Jennie Crocker. Mr. and Mrs. Crocker have been in Honolulu but a short time and have been guests of honor at many social functions.

Dr. Laura B. Hurd, a well known physician of San Francisco with her mother, Mrs. N. E. Zarby, and Miss De Haven, were departing passengers in the Mongolia yesterday morning. These three ladies have been in the islands less than a fortnight, but they are so delighted with the natural beauty of the place that they have promised to return in the near future.

Mrs. George S. Curry entertained at a children's luncheon on Monday last, in honor of the seventh birthday of her daughter, Dorothy. The birthday cake, with its wreath of pink roses, made a charming centerpiece, while from above was suspended a basket of flowers and ferns, with pink ribbon streamers marking the place of each little guest. Those present included Eleanor Wayson, Marguerite Reynolds, Anne Gayler, Peggy Ault, Grace De Freest, Margaret Phillips, Charlotte Spohler, Jim Hoogs, Albert Hoogs, Dorothy Curry and Ruth Curry.

The Service people and Honolulu society as well as much interested in the barn dance to be given by the

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